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MANAGING DEFECT THEREOF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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	5,005,165	4/2/91	Yamanaka et al	369	58	
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	5,706,472	1/6/98	Ruff et al	711	173	
	5,715,221	2/3/98	Ito et al	369	47.14	
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	0866456	9/23/98	EP				
	9251721	9/22/97	JP				
	5217298	8/27/93	JP			Partial	
	1158670	12/15/87	JP (Corresponding USP 5,005,165)				
	8272541	10/18/96	JP			Partial	
	8329612	12/13/96	JP				
	3276468	12/6/91	JP			Partial	
	0798710	10/1/97	EP				
	9630907	10/3/96	WO			Partial	
	4157672	5/29/92	JP			Partial	

OTHER ART

Examiner Initial	Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.
	ECMA Standardizing Information and Communication Systems; Standard ECMA-272; Feb. 1998; 120 mm DVD Rewritable Disk (DVD-RAM), pps. 42-55
	European Search Report dated 2/3/00 re: application No. 9911579.7-2210-
	International Search Report dated 1/26/00 Re: PCT/JP99/04296
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